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SUBJ: INITIAL SOVIET REACTION TO US-PROPOSED JOINT STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES (SALT TWO - 1376)

1. IN ADDITION TO PRESENTING SOVIET DRAFT OF "JOINT STATEMENT OF BASIC GUIDELINES" (TEXT SEPTEL), KARPOV AT DRAFTING GROUP AUGUST 29, MADE FIRST FORMAL SOVIET CRITICISM OF US-PROPOSED PRINCIPLES.

2. KARPOV ALLEGED US PROPOSALS WERE NOT PROPIRLY "PRINCIPLES," BECAUSE THEY DID NOT MAKE NECESSARY DISTINCTION BETWEEN GENERAL GUIDELINES AND SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES OF FUTURE TALKS. SOVIET UNDERSTANDING WAS THAT DOCUMENT SHOULD PROVIDE CONTINUITY BETWEEN CURRENT AND FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS, BUT SHOULD NOT PREDETERMINE OR PRESUPPOSE OUTCOME. SPECIFIC US PROPOSALS, FOR EXAMPLE REDUCTION TO 18-00-2000, IMPLY THAT TWO SIDES HAVE ALREADY AGREED UPON RESULTS OF FUTURE TALKS. HENCE, SOVIETS PROPOSE CHANGE OF TITLE TO "BASIC GUIDELINES" AND ELIMINATION OF SPECIFIC US PROPOSALS. IN REPLY KLOSSON SAID US HAD TAKEN APPROACH OF DANDIDLY SETTING FORTH OBJECTIVES WHICH IT DESIRED SIDES TO ACHIEVE IN SUBSEQUENT NEGOTIATIONS.

3. REGARDING US DRAFT, KARPOV SINGLED OUT TWO POINTS "SURVIVALIBILITY OF PERMITTED STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS SHALL BE MAINTAINED  
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AND ENHANCED" AND "FURTHER RESTRICTIONS ON STRATEGIC DEFENSES, INCLUDING ARMS DEFENSES AND CIVIL DEFENSES." HE SAID SOVIET SIDE DID NOT UNDERSTAND EITHER REFERENCE. KLOSSON TOOK NOTE OF BOTH QUESTIONS AND SAID US WOULD REPLY SUBSEQUENTLY.

5. REGARDING SOVIET DRAFT GUIDELINES, KLOSSON SAID US DELEGATION WOULD STUDY DOCUMENT BEFORE COMMENTING. KLOSSON

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